

SLEEPING BEAUTY AND GHASTHAG AUDITION

GHASTHAG Hello my Beauty...

BEAUTY Hello who are you? You are very late for the party

GHASTHAG My dear child...how kind you are I am Ghasthag. A very old friend of the family.

BEAUTY Pray, forgive me, but I am afraid that I do not remember you.

GHASTHAG That is not surprising my dear, I haven't seen you since the day you were christened, but I have counted the years carefully and I know that today is a very special day

BEAUTY Well that's very kind of you, but I am not sure.....I mean I have never heard of you and nobody has ever told me anything about you.....I don't know I think maybe I should be going

GHASTHAG I have traveled a long way to see you my dear and I have brought you a present, won't you make me happy and open it?

BEAUTY Well I am not sure that I should (to audience) Should I open it boys and girls?

GHASTHAG (to audience) Shut up you fools – or you lot will be next on my list

BEAUTY Well I am not sure that I should, but I don't suppose opening a present can do any harm.

GHASTHAG That's it dearie (Gives PRINCESS the present)

BEAUTY Well I do love presents...I wonder what it can be? (Opens present) What a strange looking contraption, what on earth is it?

GHASTHAG It is a spinning wheel, look the wheel turns and (taking **BEAUTY'S** finger and jabs it onto the spindle. **BEAUTY** cries out and puts her finger in her mouth)

BEAUTY Ouch! Oh dear ... I fear I have pricked my finger - look it has drawn blood.

GHASTHAG (Lights come back up as she throws off cloak) Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! My plan has worked, hahaha!